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Dear Mom & Dad,

As I told you on the phone the other night, it turned very cold by Sunday morning. Vickie went out to run, but returned in less than five minutes because of the cold and wind. We returned to Dulles and flew to London, arriving Monday morning. Having some extra time we went into town for lunch. Snow was on the ground and the temperature below freezing but the sky was clear all day - very unusual for London!



Late in the afternoon we made a two hour flight to Palma, Mallorca, SP. It was

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drizzling when we arrived, but today dawned sunny and warm enough for short sleeves. We're in a good hotel with a ~~few~~ view of the bay and can see the Kimitz anchored a couple of miles out. Today we saw the sights in town and then stopped in a bar for lunch. One selects from many platters on the bar. We chose artichokes, shrimp, octopus, and anchovies along with bread and Spanish beer.

We met some people from the staff who said we will be based in Naples during Feb and early Mar to let another Admiral and his staff run the aircraft carrier. This is good news for me.

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One day this week will rent a car and drive around a bit. The ship leaves Sat. and on Sun. we will be over to the USS Eisenhower which is replacing the Kimitz. Vickie will fly back to Naples on Sat. and then travel up to Verona on the 21st to meet Susan Reed who is will be finishing a ski trip in Germany. The she will arrive Naples on 30 Jan.

I enjoyed talking to you the other night. The bills I sent Diane weren't worth much, but I'm sorry if the letter got lost because I was answering her Christmas card to us.

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Love, Jim